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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

Microsoft has done untold amounts of damage to the IT industry. They have driven many software companies out of business, and prevented many others from even starting due to fear of being attacked. This company was rightly convicted of being an illegal monopoly and if our industry is ever expected to grow in a secure and stable manner, something must be done.

The settlement proposed does nothing to rectify this situation. There are many points that the proposed settlement falls short, but the most important is granting Microsoft the right to choose who should have access to their API set. The language in the settlement is so vague that Microsoft will more than likely continue to do business exactly as they are doing it now.

Please consider that one company can not employ every technical worker out there. One company can not secure our nations most important infrastructure. Microsoft needs to have a settlement that will allow other companies to grow.

Thank you,

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